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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application for
U.S. Patent No. 6,041,031
issued March 21, 2000

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For: OPTICAL DISC RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Examiner: M. Edun

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on March 20, 2003. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 8 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation of the Applicant is expressed for the indication of allowable subject matter within claims 1-11.

Original Letters Patent

The Office Action has requested the Original Letters Patent. In response, the Original Letters Patent has been concurrently submitted.

Drawings

The Office Action has requested formal drawings. In response, formal drawings have been concurrently submitted.

Oath/Declaration

The Office Action objects to the oath/declaration filed within the above-identified application. In particular, the Office Action contends that the oath or declaration fails to set forth each inventor's residence.

In response, 37 C.F.R. §1.63(c)(1) provides that unless such information is supplied on an application data sheet in accordance with §1.76, the oath or declaration must also identify the mailing address, and the residence if an inventor lives at a location which is different from where the inventor customarily receives mail, of each inventor.

In this regard, the Reissue Application Declaration lists

the mailing address and the residence of the inventors as:

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- residence: Kanagawa, Japan
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Kitashinagawa, 6-Chome, Shinigawa-Ku, Tokyo Japan

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- residence: Tokyo, Japan
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Thus, both the residence and mailing address have been provided within the oath/declaration for each inventor, the mailing address being provided as the Post Office address.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

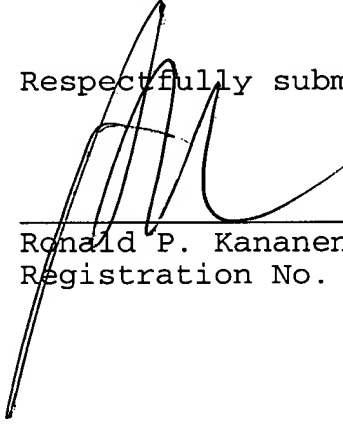
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is

requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753, or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number. If any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Respectfully submitted,

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